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SUBJECT: GDR FONMIN'S VISIT TO POLAND

DURING MARCH 4 POLADS THE FRG REP (CITRON) DISTRIBUTED THE FOLLOWING  
PAPER ON THE VISIT OF GDR FONMIN FISCHER TO WARSAW FEBRUARY  
20-22. TEXT FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT:

1. AT THE INVITATION OF POLISH FOREIGN MINISTER OLSZOWSKI,  
FOREIGN MINISTER FISCHER PAID AN OFFICIAL FRIENDSHIP VISIT TO  
POLAND FROM 20 TO 22 FEBRUARY. HE WAS RECEIVED BY PARTY  
CHIEF GIEREK, CHAIRMAN OF THE STATE COUNCIL JABOLONSKI  
AND CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS JAROSZEWICH.  
FISCHER THUS CONTINUED THE SERIES OF INTRODUCTORY  
VISITS TO THE EASTERN NEIGHBOURS WHICH BE BEGAN IN MOSCOW.
2. A COMMUNIQUE WAS PUBLISHED IN WHICH THE IMPORTANT ROLE  
PLAYED BY THE SOVIET UNION IN SHAPING THE PROCESS OF DETENTE  
AND THE PERSONAL CONTRIBUTION OF MR. BREZHNEV WERE UNDERLINED.  
THIS IS DESIGNED TO COUNTERACT ANY SPECULATIONS CONCERNING  
CHANGES IN PROGRAMMES OR PEOPLE.  
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3. THE PARAGRAPH IN THE COMMUNIQUE DEALING WITH THE 30TH  
ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR REVEALS POLISH  
CONCESSIONS TO THE SOVIET UNION. POLAND HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO  
OBTAIN ANY REFERENCE, IN THIS BILATERAL DOCUMENT, TO ITS OWN

CONTRIBUTION TO THE MILITARY VICTORY OVER "FASCISM". THIS MUST HAVE BEEN DIFFICULT TO ACCEPT FOR POLAND SINCE IT WANTED TO IMPRESS ITS MILITARY SHARE IN THE VICTORY OVER GERMANY MORE STRONGLY ON THE MINDS OF THE POPULATION. THE WORDING OF THIS PART OF THE COMMUNIQUE ALSO INDICATES THAT EACH SIDE WILL CELEBRATE THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY IN ITS OWN WAY.

4. IT IS STRIKING THAT THE COMMUNIQUE DOES NOT MENTION THE POTSDAM AGREEMENT AT ALL. THIS IS IN LINE WITH A GENERAL TREND WHICH HAS BEEN NOTED FOR SOME TIME IN THE GDR TO REFER TO THE POTSDAM AGREEMENT AS INFREQUENTLY AS POSSIBLE. IN THE OPINION OF THE POLISH SIDE, NO SPECIAL EVENT IS PLANNED ON THE OCCASION OF THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE POTSDAM AGREEMENT.

5. THE LANGUAGE IN THE COMMUNIQUE ON THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WARSAW PACT WHICH IS TO BE AN OCCASION TO REAFFIRM THE WILL TO STRENGTHEN UNITY ON ALL SIDES AND TO CONTINUE TO DEVELOP COOPERATION WITHIN THE WARSAW PACT "WHOSE COORDINATED AND HARMONIZED PEACE POLICY FORMS THE DECISIVE BASIS FOR INTERNATIONAL DETENTE" CONFIRMS THAT POLITICAL CONSULTATION IN THE WARSAW PACT IS TO BE REINFORCED. DURING THE MEETING OF DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES IN MOSCOW IN JANUARY IT WAS PROPOSED TO SET UP A BODY FOR POLITICAL CONSULTATION ON THE LINES OF THE NATO COUNCIL IN PERMANENT SESSION. THE COMMUNIQUE INDICATES THAT POLAND AND THE GDR SUPPORT THIS IDEA AND THAT THIS BODY IS ALSO TO DEAL WITH EXTRA-EUROPEAN QUESTIONS SUCH AS THE MIDDLE EAST. THE BODY IN QUESTION IS TO BE SET UP BY THE POLITICAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE WHICH IS COMPOSED OF THE FIRST PARTY SECRETARIES AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCILS OF MINISTERS OF THE MEMBER COUNTRIES. THE NECESSARY MEETING IS TO TAKE PLACE IN THE FIRST HALF OF THIS YEAR.

6. WHILE, COMPARED WITH EARLIER STATEMENTS, THE COMMUNIQUE PARAGRAPH DEALING WITH CSCE INDICATES A SURPRISING AMOUNT OF EQUANIMITY WITH REGARD TO THE DATE OF THE CLOSURE OF THE CONFERENCE, THIS SHOULD - AS THE POLISH SIDE POINTED OUT - CONFIDENTIAL

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NOT BE TAKEN TO MEAN THAT BOTH SIDES HAD RESIGNED THEMSELVES TO PROTRACTED NEGOTIATIONS.

7. AS FAR AS THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THESE TWO COUNTRIES AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY ARE CONCERNED, THE COMMUNIQUE ADOPTS THE FORMULA THAT THE BILATERAL TREATIES SIGNED WITH THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY WILL BE IMPLEMENTED AS TO THEIR LETTER AND SPIRIT. POLISH SOURCES HAVE CONFIRMED THAT THIS CONTAINS AN EXPRESSION OF THE WILLINGNESS TO CONTINUE THE TREATY POLICY WITH THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC ON THE BASIS OF THE WARSAW TREATY AND THE TREATY ON THE BASIS OF RELATIONS WITH THE GDR.

END TEXT.

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